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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

COMMITTEE ON PROCUREMENT OF FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS

Minutes of the Tenth Meeting, 26 May 1959

MEMBERS PRESENT

AEC	Mrs. Doris M. Freer	
AGRIC	Kirby B. Payne, alternate	
✓ AIR	Maj. G. Kudravetz	
ARMY	Henry Holz, alternate	
JIG	Capt. G. G. Palmer	
✓ LC	Lewis C. Coffin	
✓ NAVY	Lt. Cdr. D. L. Southall, alternate	
✓ NLM <i>Royce</i>	Not represented	25X1A9a
✓ NSA	[REDACTED]	
✓ NSF <i>White</i>	F. S. Feinstein	
OSD	Not represented	
✓ STATE	Leo M. Goodman	
	John J. Morrow, alternate	
USIA	L. King Quan, alternate	
CIA	[REDACTED] Acting Chairman	25X1A9a
	[REDACTED] Acting Secretary	

VISITORS

✓ STATE Charles E. Paine [REDACTED] 25X1A

1. Approval of Minutes. Minutes of the ninth meeting were approved.
2. Return of Receipts. The Acting Chairman requested that all members return promptly document receipts for PROCIB Minutes and for other classified material sent to them by courier.
3. Funding LC Accessions Indexes. The Acting Chairman reported that the National Science Foundation is exploring further the availability of funds for support of the Library of Congress accessions indexes of Sovbloc publications. The Library of Congress has also been asked by CIA to review its position regarding

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support of these indexes, and Mr. Coffin reported that the Library of Congress reply has already been drafted.

Mr. Feinstein suggested that it might be appropriate to ask Dr. Herbert York of the Office of the Secretary of Defense to authorize use of emergency Research and Development funds to support the accessions indexes. He also noted that direct support from NSF is not likely in view of the tentative cuts of \$17,000,000 in the NSF budget.

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4. Director of Mezhdunarodnaya Kniga. Mr. Coffin reported that the Department of State has granted a visa to Mr. Zmeul, Director of Mezhdunarodnaya Kniga, but that no itinerary has yet been received.

5. Procurement from Unrecognized Countries. Mr. Payne pointed out that the current hearings before the Committee on Science and Astronautics reflect the great interest in Chinese publications. He also mentioned an article in the 8 November 1958 Saturday Review of Literature on "Red China's Hidden Capital of Science." Mr. Payne asked for clarification of the official U.S. position on direct exchanges between U.S. private or semi-private institutions and their Sovbloc counterparts. Mr. Goodman pointed out that this is more a question of policy than of law, and that State's reluctance to sanction such exchanges (cf. PROCIB-D-12) should not be interpreted as a denial of them. Mr. Goodman suggested that before any major steps are taken for obtaining publications from unrecognized countries there should be a review of the extent of demand and of the several possible means of obtaining them. Mr. Coffin felt that it might be more effective for individual agencies interested in establishing exchanges to deal directly with the Department of State rather than to have an announced formal position on this matter.

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In response to a question from [REDACTED] Mr. Feinstein reported that [REDACTED] has a working agreement to exchange dissertations in its 19 fields of concentration for "long abstracts" of Russian dissertations on similar subjects. [REDACTED] suggested that it would be desirable to have the Russian abstracts listed in the Monthly Index of Russian Accessions.

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6. ALA Annual Conference. Members were urged to review the list of activities in connection with the annual conference of the American Library Association to be held in Washington 21-27 June 1959. Significant reports are scheduled on the

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Farmington Plan, on Latin American accessions, and on Far Eastern resources. The Library of Congress will give a status report on PL 480 as it affects acquisition and other library activities.

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7. Public Law 480. Mr. Feinstein reported that 7,000 pages of Russian material is now being translated under a contract [REDACTED]. No arrangements have been completed for printing [REDACTED] as a temporary measure, typescripts will be sent to Washington for the original requester and for possible additional dissemination. Mr. Adams of OSI/NSF, has reached agreement for a Polish contract during his trip abroad but the formal signing will be delayed because the original overall agreement with Poland on PL 480 did not make specific provision for the publication activity covered by paragraph (k). Additional talks are being started in Yugoslavia and Finland, and the embassies at New Delhi and Djakarta have been asked to comment on the feasibility of agreements with India and Indonesia.

Mr. Feinstein reported that NSF had notified the Bureau of the Budget that it would not be possible to submit a budget for FY 1960 involving use of available PL 480 funds, if government agencies would be required to give up an equivalent amount of budgeted funds. A letter in reply from the Bureau of the Budget agreed with this stand and stated that a supplemental budget should be requested to permit the use of PL 480 funds without reducing other activities. NSF tentatively plans to ask for three to three and one half million dollars for FY 1960 to be used in six countries in addition to those for which plans already have been drawn up. Mr. Coffin said that the Library of Congress is also working on a revised budget proposal for FY 1960 for the use of PL 480 funds, in the light of the availability of foreign currencies.

8. Jennings Wood - Trip Report on New Delhi. Mr. Jennings Wood of the Library of Congress has just returned from New Delhi. He will be invited to attend a PROCTB meeting or to submit a copy of his report.

9. Joint Committee on Slavic Studies. At a recent meeting in New York, the Coordinating Committee on East European and Slavic Resources endorsed publication in book form of the Cyrillic Union Catalog. They were most anxious to know in advance an estimate of the number of potential subscribers. To date, for example, only sixteen orders have been received for the printed Slavic catalog of the New York Public Library.

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10. Hard-To-Get Publications. Dr. Quan and Cmdr. Southall reported that USIA and Navy had no titles for the want list. CIA will edit and issue the list of titles already submitted. 25X1A9a

11. African Evaluations. [REDACTED] reminded the members that contributions for the evaluation of publications procurement from Africa are due in the State Department by 1 July 1959.

12. Next Meeting. It was the consensus of the group that no meeting would be held until September unless some member has urgent business.

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Acting Secretary